

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A dermal patch comprising a support having electrostatic properties, a periphery of the support being coated with an adhesive material to create a hermetically closed space between the support and the skin, wherein the support has, in an area not coated with adhesive material, a depression forming a hollow, all or part of a non-adhesive surface of said area of the support being directly covered with at least one biologically active substance in the absence of added gel, said biologically active substance being in the form of individualized or agglomerated particles, said particles being kept in contact with the non-adhesive surface of the support as a result of electrostatic forces of attraction between said particles and the support and released to the skin when the patch is placed on the skin to form the hermetically closed space between the support and skin.

2. (Previously presented) The patch as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a label, opposite the support, which can be peeled off and removed before application of the patch to the skin.

3. (Previously presented) The patch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support comprises glass or a polymer chosen from the group comprising cellulose plastics, polyvinyl chlorides, polypropylenes, polystyrenes, polycarbonates and polyacrylics.

4. (Previously presented) The patch as claimed in claim 1, wherein a back of the support is covered with a label which can be peeled off.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A dermal patch comprising a support having electrostatic properties, a periphery of the support being coated with an adhesive material to create a hermetically closed space between the support and the skin, wherein the support has, in an area not coated with adhesive material, a depression forming a hollow, all or part of a non-adhesive surface of said area of the support being directly covered with at least one allergen in the absence of added gel, said allergen being in the form of individualized or agglomerated particles, said particles being kept in contact with the non-adhesive surface of the support as a result of electrostatic forces of attraction between said particles and the support and released to the skin when the patch is placed on the skin to form the hermetically closed space between the support and skin.

7. (Previously presented) The patch as claimed in claim 6, wherein the allergen has undergone a treatment of lyophilization, pasteurization or ionization.

8. (Previously presented) The patch as claimed in claim 6, wherein the allergen is in the form of a purified allergenic fraction.

9. (Previously presented) The patch as claimed in claim 6, wherein the support has an allergen marking device in the form of: marking printed on a back of the support, a temporary tattoo left at a surface of the skin when the patch is removed, or a self-adhesive disk maintained on an adhesive part of the support and separated therefrom when the patch is removed.

10. (Previously presented) The patch as claimed in claim 6, further comprising a device sensitive to physicochemical reactions of the skin noted in the course of local inflammatory reaction induced by a positive reaction to the allergen.

11. (Previously presented) The patch as claimed in claim 10, wherein said device is in the form of a colored indicator sensitive to local variations in pH.

12. (Previously presented) The patch as claimed in claim 6, wherein the support has several areas having electrostatic properties each covered with a different allergen, each electrostatic area being separated by a non-electrostatic area.

13. (Withdrawn) A patch kit comprising a plurality of patches as claimed in claim 6, wherein each patch contains an increasing amount of allergens.

14. (Currently amended) A patch comprising a support having electrostatic properties, a first surface portion of the support being covered with at least one biologically active substance in the absence of added gel, said biologically active substance being in the form of individualized or agglomerated particles, said particles being kept in contact with the first surface portion of the support as a result of electrostatic forces of attraction between said particles and the support.

15. (Previously presented) The patch of claim 14, further comprising means for creating a hermetically closed space, containing said at least one biologically active substance, between said support and skin.

16. (Previously presented) The patch of claim 14, wherein the means for creating a hermetically closed space comprises a second surface portion of the support, said second surface portion being coated with an adhesive material and surrounding said first surface portion.

17. (Previously presented) The patch of claim 14, wherein the at least one biologically active substance comprises an allergen.

18. (New) A skin patch comprising a support having electrostatic properties, a periphery of the support being coated with an adhesive material to create a hermetically closed space between the support and the skin, wherein the support has, in an area not coated with adhesive material, a depression forming a hollow, all or part of a non-adhesive surface of said area of the support being directly covered with at least one food or respiratory allergen in the

absence of added gel, said food or respiratory allergen being in the form of individualized or agglomerated particles, said particles being kept in contact with the non-adhesive surface of the support as a result of electrostatic forces of attraction between said particles and the support and released to the skin when the patch is placed on the skin to form the hermetically closed space between the support and skin.